

REMARKS

Applicants have deleted the pending claims and added all the claims indicated as being allowable by Examiner Thissell in co-pending patent application 09/479,327 (attorney docket number 1600/121 – also see Supplemental Amendment dated September 25, 2003 for those claims).

Note that other than the new numbering, the new claims have the same wording and are in the same order as the claims in the noted co-pending application. In that application, the claims were amended to overcome the Fangrow reference, which is the sole prior art rejection in the pending application. Accordingly, these claims are allowable for the same reasons as discussed in the noted co-pending patent application.

The application thus is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned, Steven Saunders (617-443-9292), if he has further questions.

Respectfully submitted,



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